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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Currently amended)** An air conditioning system for a vehicle comprising:

 a compressor for compressing a refrigerant,

 a condenser for condensing the refrigerant,

 an evaporator for evaporating the refrigerant,

 a discharge fluid line interconnecting the compressor and said condenser,

 a liquid fluid line interconnecting said condenser and said evaporator,

 a suction fluid line interconnecting said evaporator and said compressor,

 an accumulator/dehydrator (A/D) disposed in said suction fluid line for accumulating refrigerant, and

 a heat transfer jacket surrounding said A/D and including a heat transfer media independent of the refrigerant in the system for exchanging heat with said A/D and the refrigerant [[therein]] in the system .

2. **(Currently amended)** A system as set forth in claim 1 wherein said heat transfer jacket defines a space surrounding said A/D and [[a]] said heat transfer media is disposed in said space for cooling by extracting heat from the refrigerant in said A/D.

3. **(Original)** A system as set forth in claim 2 wherein said space is defined by an inner wall of said A/D and outer wall spaced therefrom.

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4. **(Original)** A system as set forth in claim 2 wherein said jacket is defined by a double walled sleeve surrounding said A/D and defining said space between said walls thereof.

5. **(Currently amended)** A system as set forth in claim 1 wherein said heat transfer [[jaeket]] media comprises a thermoelectric device.

6. **(Currently amended)** A method of operating an air conditioning system of the type including a compressor for compressing a refrigerant, a condenser for condensing the refrigerant, an evaporator for evaporating the refrigerant, a discharge fluid line interconnecting the compressor and the condenser, a liquid fluid line interconnecting the condenser and the evaporator, a suction fluid line interconnecting the evaporator and the compressor, and an accumulator/dehydrator A/D disposed in the suction fluid line for accumulating refrigerant, said method comprising the steps of surrounding the A/D with a heat transfer jacket and exchanging heat with the A/D and the refrigerant therein independently of the refrigerant in the system.

7. **(Original)** A method as set forth in claim 6 further defined as surrounding the A/D with a space and disposing a heat transfer media in the space for cooling by extracting heat from the refrigerant in the A/D.

8. **(Original)** A method as set forth in claim 7 further defined as disposing an outer wall about an inner wall of the A/D to provide the space.

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9. **(Original)** A method as set forth in claim 7 further defined as disposing a double walled sleeve about the A/D to define the space between the walls thereof.

10. **(Original)** A method as set forth in claim 6 further defined as disposing a thermoelectric device about the A/D to define the jacket.

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IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached drawing sheet includes a change to Figure 1. The attached replacement sheet includes Figures 1-3, replaces the original sheets of drawings which included Figures 1-3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets